

I am a DSL customer using Quest in connection with a third-party ISP. Said third party offers me service and features which Qwest has been unable or unwilling to provide without my signing up for a business account at several times the price.

To grant the RBOC's the legal freedom to run independent providers out of business stifles competition and innovation and might be regarded by posterity as the 21st century equivalent of reversing the Carterfone decision. Though the possibility perhaps exists in a legal sense, in practicality consumers can't have the company of their choice run wire or fiber to their homes and small businesses.

I ask the FCC to carefully consider the potential for impairment continued growth of the Internet as a unique medium for communication and commerce before granting this request or the corresponding ones from the other RBOC's.